

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

March 9, 2009

Roll Call

Mr. Mihalyo called this meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance included: David Mihalyo, Pamela Hale, Maynard Watkins, Doug Slagel, Patrick Hodges, ex-officio members Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustees) and Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services). Tom Merritt, Tipp City School Board representative was absent.

Also in attendance were Service Director Scott Vagedes and Park Superintendent Jim Asher. Mr. Vagedes explained that Ms. Denlinger will no longer be the Board Secretary due to budget cuts and that he would be taking notes during the meeting plus the recording.

Minutes

January 12, 2009
Meeting

The minutes of the January 12, 2009 were reviewed. Mrs. Hale **moved to accept the minutes of January 12, 2009 as presented.** Mr. Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda

There were no comments on items not on the agenda. There was some discussion as to where this item should be on the agenda. The Board agreed to leave the item at the beginning of the meeting.

New Business

City Park Playground
Grant request

Mr. Vagedes explained that the City has made application for a grant from Miami County for the replacement of an old slide damaged by a tree limb in City Park. The entire grant for \$18,000 is for all of Miami County and we may not get any portion. Mr. Vath hoped by the end of June there should be some acknowledgement as to whether the City receives it or not.

Miltenberger Fund of
the Tipp City
Foundation

Mr. Asher explained that the City will receive funds from the Miltenberger Fund for a small shelter to be constructed at Canal Lock Park. Last year a slab was constructed. Construction plans are being prepared. The Milner Tree Fund will provide some trees in Canal Lock Park and in City Park this spring.

Old Business

Kyle Park ODNR Bike
Trail

Mr. Vagedes explained that an ODNR grant was applied for to construct a portion the Great Miami Recreational Trail bike trail which is an effort by 5 Rivers Metro, Miami County Parks District, and Monroe Twp. It picks up by the Fishing Lane in Kyle Park, proceeds eastwardly north of the soccer parking area and south parallel to the Fishing Lane across Kyle Park Dr. and south past the Timmer Pavilion. The engineer's estimate was \$164,000 and all

bids came in under that amount. There is a portion of Springhill property that will be deeded to the City so that the trail can go thru there. Coate Construction is ready to start the last of March, first of April. They are hoping to be completed by Memorial Day. There was further discussion of the bike path south of the City. Dr. English said 80-85% of the trail should be completed in 2009. The missing segment has 10 years to be completed. The Miami County Parks District funds the portion out of the City limits and those funds come from a levy and the Commissioners do not wish to use eminent domain to obtain the last portion of property that is needed for the path.

Veterans Memorial
Park- bricks

Mr. Vagedes stated the City will be able to set up a separate fund for the Veterans' Memorial brick purchases and be able to take applications at the City. This will be set up in the future. Forms will be available at the City, Community Services and the veteran organizations. Applications will be received thru the year, bricks ordered by July 1 and be installed by Veterans Day each year. There are 125 bricks to be installed this spring. This information will go in the Tiptecanews that goes out with all utility bills. The Independent Voice and other local papers will be utilized.

Dog Park Fencing

Mr. Asher said the Dog Park Fencing has been received and will be installed later in the spring by staff.

Motorized Vehicles
on Bike Path

Mr. Asher said staff is working with Miami County Parks District and Five Rivers Metro to come up with some uniform language for bike trail signs. Mr. Hodges requested that the signs be erected as soon as possible.

Troy Strawberry
Festival

Mr. Mihalyo asked Ms. Taylor if the past due monies had been received. Ms. Taylor replied that the fees had been received. The Troy Strawberry Festival Soccer program has said they will not be using the fields this year. 196 soccer games were played in Tipp last year and they are going to check out other options available to them.

Other Business

Fee Increases

1. Aquatic
Center

Mr. Vagedes explained that the daily admission has been increased by \$1.00. This was the first increase in this fee since the facility opened in 2005.

2. Shelter Fees

The shelter rental fees have been increased and that information was included in the Board packets. Mrs. Hale asked why the fees took such a large increase. Mr. Vagedes said that was a discussion between the City Manager and City Council. Mr. Asher said the last increase was 3-4 years ago. Several Board members were concerned that rentals would be down. Mr. Vagedes said that he would check on those numbers and have a

Budget Cuts

report at the next meeting.

Mr. Vagedes gave copies of the budget cuts for all departments in the City. The Park budget was not the only department that had cuts. This was a resolution passed by City Council. The items with a line drawn thru were not cut. Dr. English asked about the mosquito spraying. It was done twice last year at City Park. Mr. Vagedes spoke of the broad-leaf weed control that was done last fall. This spring should be fine but Mr. Asher added that there will not be spraying done this fall except on the athletic fields. The soccer and baseball fields were fertilized last fall. Mr. Slagel suggested that pre-emergent be put down in the spring along with the fertilizer. Mr. Vagedes said there will be no weed control or fertilizer done this spring due to the budget cuts, except for the soccer and baseball fields. The cuts for the Parks are estimated to save the City \$18,000. There was discussion regarding the deletion of leaf pickup in the fall. Mr. Vagedes suggested that anyone with comments, suggestions, etc. send a letter to City Manager or City Council on the matter.

**Board Member
Comments
Adjournment**

There were no further comments by the Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Slagel and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: _____
Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Scott Vagedes, Service Director